

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-7, 11-23, 25-26, and 30 remain in the application for further prosecution. Claims 1, 3-7, 11-13, 20-21, 23, and 30 have been amended. Claims 2, 8-10, 24, 27-29 and 31 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 20, 30, and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,491,584 B2 (Graham et. al.), hereinafter, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,056,642 (Bennett).

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Graham, in view of Bennett, as applied to the above limitations, and further in view of applicants own admissions.

Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Graham, in view of Bennett, as applied to the above limitations, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,481,713 B2 (Perrie et al.).

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Graham, in view of U.S. 2002/0025845 A1 (Cannon).

Claims 9 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Graham, in view of Bennett, and further in view of Perrie.

Claims 10 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Graham, in view of Bennett, and further in view of Perrie.

Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,491,584 B2 (Graham et al.), in view of U.S. 2004/0092299 A1 (Gauselmann).

Claims 13-17, and 21-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,491,584 B2 (Graham et al.), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,056,642 (Bennett) in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,843,722 (Webb).

Claims 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,491,584 B2 (Graham et al.), in view of U.S. 2004/0092299 A1 (Gauselmann) in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,843,722 B2 (Webb).

Telephonic Interview and Interview Summary

The Applicant notes with appreciation the interview with Examiners Leiva and Hotaling on August 15, 2007. Pursuant to the discussions in the interview, the Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 13, 20, and 30 to clarify the invention.

The Applicant agrees with the Interview Summary Sheet provided in which the Examiner acknowledged the proposed amendments to claim 1 to distinguish over Graham, Bennett and the other art of record.

Claim Amendments

During the interview on August 15, 2007, the Examiner acknowledged the fact that amended claim 1 distinguished over Graham, Bennett and the art of record. Applicant has made similar amendments to independent claims 13, 20 and 30. Accordingly, Applicant believes these amended claims are allowable.

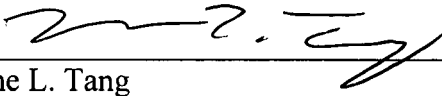
Conclusion

It is the Applicants' belief that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and action towards that effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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